

# Applicant Information

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## Eligibility

Are you a Cooke Scholar?

Yes ▾

Did you graduate before October 1, 2019?

No ▾

Before completing the application carefully review the following:

I understand that I must attend a **full-time** degree-granting graduate program.

Yes, I understand

I understand that only in-person or hybrid graduate degree programs, and **not** fully online programs, are eligible for this award.

Yes, I understand

I understand that only programs at not-for-profit institutions are eligible for this award.

Yes, I understand

I understand that only programs at accredited institutions are eligible for this award.

Yes, I understand

I understand that the annual scholarship cap is \$75,000.

Yes, I understand

## Deferral Policy

I understand that the Cooke Foundation will not grant a deferral if I am not accepted to a graduate program or if I don't enroll in graduate school in fall 2023.

Yes

## Applicant Information

Which Cooke Foundation undergraduate scholarship did you receive?

Are you a current Cooke College Scholar, Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholar, or an Alum Scholar?

If you are a current Cooke College Scholar or Undergraduate Transfer Scholar, please select your educational adviser. If you have graduated within the last few years, please select your adviser at the time of your graduation.

Have you applied to the Cooke Graduate Scholarship before in a previous year?

First Name

Middle Name

Last Name

Email Address

Birthdate

Gender

Primary Phone

Mailing Address

Country

Street

City

State

Postal Code

## Emergency Contact Information

First Name

Last Name

Relationship

Phone Number

Email Address

## Cooke Foundation Graduate School Preparation Resources

Which of the following Cooke Foundation graduate school preparation resources did you use? Please check all that apply:

- Magoosh test preparation
- Kaplan test preparation
- Polyphona (Amy Vidor and Caroline Barta) Workshop or Meet and Greet
- Polyphona (Amy Vidor and Caroline Barta) one-on-one feedback or coaching
- Graduate Scholarship office hours with the Associate for Graduate Advisement (Hannah Franz)
- Other meeting with the Associate for Graduate Advisement (Hannah Franz)
- Resources in the Graduate/Professional School Preparation folder on Cooke Connect
- Other

## Conduct

The following questions are meant to collect data on your conduct **since receiving your undergraduate award** from the Cooke Foundation. Please do not disclose information already provided in your undergraduate application, only provide information regarding new circumstances.

Have you been arrested for a crime since you were selected for your undergraduate scholarship award?

Have you been convicted of a crime, other than a traffic violation, since you were selected for your undergraduate scholarship award?

Have you been found by your undergraduate institution to have violated academic or disciplinary standards?

Have you been fired for wrongdoing since you were selected for your undergraduate scholarship award?

Are there any other matters along these lines of which the Cooke Foundation should be aware?

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# Academic Information

## Current or Most Recent Institution

Enter the information for the undergraduate institution you attend or recently graduated from.

Institution Name

Institution City

Institution State/Province/Territory

Institution Country (if not U.S.)

Are you currently enrolled at this undergraduate institution?

Is this the institution that you received your Foundation-funded bachelor's degree from?

Date you received or expect to receive your baccalaureate degree

Please list your undergraduate major(s), minor(s), and any secondary concentrations (Example: history major with a minor in political science)

## Please upload your most recent transcript

You are required to submit your most recent or your final undergraduate transcript with this application. Please upload a copy of your transcript below.

No file chosen

## GPA

### Four-Year Institution Grade Point Average

Only include grades from your Cooke Foundation funded four-year institution(s). If you attended more than one four-year institution with Cooke funding, please provide the average cumulative GPA from all institutions attended.

Four-year Institution GPA:

Please provide the following details regarding the above four-year institution GPA:

Total credits/hours:

Total number of semesters:

Total number of institutions:

Are there any extenuating circumstances that have impacted your academic performance that you would like to share?

### Cumulative Undergraduate Grade Point Average

Include grades from your Cooke Foundation funded four-year institution(s) plus any other undergraduate coursework not funded by the Cooke Foundation scholarship (i.e. community college, college courses taken while in high school, etc.).

Cumulative GPA:

First graduate degree sought (M.S., J.D., Ph.D., etc.):

### Fall 2023 Proposed Graduate Degree Institutions

In order of preference, enter up to three (3) graduate schools to which you have applied or are planning to apply for admission in fall 2023. You must list at least one school.

#### First Choice

Institution Name:

Institution City:

Is this institution in the United States?

Specific college or school name, if applicable (e.g., College of Engineering; Graduate School of Education; Wharton School of Business; Harvard Law School):

Degree:

Full name of the specific graduate program, if applicable:

Field of Study:

Length of program (in years):

Have you applied?

## Second Choice

Institution Name:

Institution City:

Is this institution in the United States?

Specific college or school name, if applicable (e.g., College of Engineering; Graduate School of Education; Wharton School of Business; Harvard Law School):

Degree:

Full name of the specific graduate program, if applicable:

Field of study:

Length of program (in years):

Have you applied?

## Third Choice

Institution Name:

Institution City:

Is this institution in the United States?

Specific college or school name, if applicable (e.g., College of Engineering; Graduate School of Education; Wharton School of Business; Harvard Law School):

Degree:

Full name of the specific graduate program, if applicable:

Field of Study:

Length of program (in years):

Have you applied?

Please list the other schools you have applied to or are planning to apply to and your current admission status

## Additional Graduate Degree information

If you plan to pursue more than one graduate degree, please include all proposed graduate degree programs including joint degrees. **Additional degrees may not be added after the scholarship has been awarded.**

Do you plan to pursue a second graduate degree?

Expected graduation semester for all proposed graduate degree(s):

Expected graduation year for all proposed graduate degree(s):

## Other Scholarships and Fellowships

Please list up to four (4) fellowships and/or scholarships to which you have applied or are planning to apply (i.e. Rhodes, Fulbright, etc.). If the name of the organization awarding the scholarship is different than the scholarship's name, please provide the organization's name.

### Scholarship 1

Name of Scholarship/Fellowship:

Name of Scholarship/Fellowship Organization:

### Scholarship 2

Name of Scholarship/Fellowship:

Name of Scholarship/Fellowship Organization:

### Scholarship 3

Name of Scholarship/Fellowship:

Name of Scholarship/Fellowship Organization:

## Scholarship 4

Name of Scholarship/Fellowship:

Name of Scholarship/Fellowship Organization:

## Graduate School Entrance Exams

Graduate school entrance exam information is collected for advising purposes only. We will not use this information when reviewing your application.

Have you taken a graduate school entrance exam (GRE, MCAT, etc.)?

### Exam Score 1

Test name (GRE, MCAT, etc.):

Date exam was taken:

  

Score received:

Highest score possible:

Have you taken any other graduate school entrance exams?



# Short Answers and Essay

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Please answer the following questions regarding your academic and personal experiences. Take the time to compose thoughtful responses. You are limited to the maximum number of words listed for each answer.

For best results, type your answers in a text editor (e.g., Word) and then copy and paste the text into the spaces below.

## Short Answers

Please limit your responses to 300 words.

What are your goals for graduate school and why? What are your goals for after graduate school and why? How will the degree programs you are applying to help you meet both sets of goals?

300 words remaining

How have your undergraduate education and other experiences specifically prepared you to be successful in the graduate programs you are applying to?

300 words remaining

Please detail your process in researching graduate programs. What faculty, students, and mentors did you consult? How did you learn whether the graduate degree you plan to pursue would align with your goals? How did you learn whether the specific schools/programs you are applying to would meet your needs?

300 words remaining

## Essay

Please provide the personal statement you intend to submit with your graduate school applications.

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# Graduate School Factors

Fill in the information for both your first choice and second choice school

First Choice Program:

Second Choice Program:

Now that you have detailed your process in researching graduate programs, please explain what you learned about your top two choices. Respond to each section in as much detail as possible with attention to every question.

## Faculty

Look at department and faculty websites and publications. What are the faculty and departmental areas of interest and research specialties? How do those align with your goals and interests? Who teaches the classes you would be taking – junior faculty, senior faculty, graduate assistants? To what extent do students collaborate with faculty?

First Choice Program (Faculty):

Second Choice Program (Faculty):

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## Career path

What type of work are recent graduates of the program doing, where are they working, and how much are they earning? How do graduates' career paths align with your career goals?

First Choice Program (Career Path):

Second Choice Program (Career Path):

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## Program's climate

To what extent do students of the program feel supported and included? What demographic groups and identities are represented among the students and faculty? How do their experiences in the program differ based on demographics and identities? You may have to do deeper research into the program and talk to a variety of students to learn the answers.

First Choice Program (Program's Climate):

Second Choice Program (Program's Climate):

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## Financial costs and value

What is the estimated cost of attendance? What are the opportunities for fellowships, assistantships, or scholarships? What other sources of financial aid are available? Remember that the Cooke Graduate Scholarship is \$150,000 for up to four years, so you may consider how to maximize this funding if you plan to or there is a possibility that you will attend graduate school for more than two years. What makes the program a good value?

First Choice Program (Financial costs):

Second Choice Program (Financial Costs):

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## Geographic location

How will the geographic location support you, whether personally or professionally?

First Choice Program (Location):

Second Choice Program (Location):

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## Admission requirements

How do you meet the admission requirements? Attend to GPA, test scores, undergraduate coursework, and any other admission requirements.

First Choice Program (Admission Requirements):

Second Choice Program (Admission Requirements):

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### **Course and other requirements**

Are courses you need to fulfill degree requirements frequently offered? Will the course offerings help you meet your professional and educational goals? What else is required to earn the degree –practicums, rotations, thesis, dissertation, internship, etc? How do these specific requirements help you meet your professional and educational goals?

First Choice Program (Courses):

Second Choice Program (Courses):

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# Resume/CV

## Resume or CV

Please provide us with a copy of your most up-to-date resume/CV.

The review committee relies on your resume/CV to present a full picture of your education and employment history, volunteer/service activities, publications, presentations, and research experiences. Please include a brief description of organizations, leadership roles, and honors/awards as these descriptions provide context to the selection committee. For example, "University Humanitarian Leadership Award, awarded to one graduating senior for exceptional service to the university community and beyond."

Your resume/CV should include the following information:

- Education
- Work/Professional experience
- Conference presentations
- Publications
- Volunteer/Service experience
- Awards/Honors
- Professional development or additional training
- Professional memberships

**Note: After clicking "Choose File" and selecting your resume or CV from your files, make sure to click the "Upload" button to attach it to your application. Please upload one .pdf, .doc, or .docx file.**

No file chosen

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# Graduate Scholarship Financial Form

## Independent Student

An "independent student" is defined as someone who meets at least one of the following criteria:

- Is 24 years old or older
- Is married/ divorced/ separated/ widowed
- Has a child/children

Do you qualify as an independent student?

## Household Information

Complete the applicant household information below. Please note:

- Do not list yourself as a household member.
- If the applicant is independent (married, has children, or is 24 years old or older), please list all other members of the applicant's household, if any, below.
- Do not include the applicant's parents or other members of the parents' household(s) unless they receive more than half of their support from the applicant.
- Include: Spouse, if any; dependents claimed on federal taxes (2021 IRS Form 1040); and other people living in the independent applicant's household only if they will receive more than half of their support from the applicant during the coming academic year.
- For each household member, list name, age, and relationship to the applicant. Add comments as necessary.
- For dependent children of the applicant attending college full-time during the 2023-24 academic year in a program leading to a degree or certification, enter the state and name of the college they will attend. If outside of the U.S., type the college location in the comments field.
- If you do not have any household members, please skip to the "Personal Finances" section below.

Do you have household members?

## Personal Finances

- Use the information from the 2021 federal income tax return to answer the questions where indicated. If you were not required to file taxes in 2021, you must complete the form as best as possible and upload all applicable forms, such as W-2s. If you do not have tax forms, please upload a letter of explanation instead.

- Applicants living abroad in 2021 and not filing U.S. taxes must complete the form as best as possible and submit a statement (in English or a certified translation into English) from employer(s) listing all income and benefits from 2021.
- Do not leave fields blank. If a value is zero, enter "0." Round all figures to the nearest dollar.
- If you own a business or farm jointly with your spouse, include **half** of the profits/losses of the jointly held business/farm. If you own a business or farm jointly with others (not spouse), include only your portion of profits/losses.
- A copy of your tax form(s) must be uploaded, including schedules and attachments. If married, also include a copy of the spouse's tax form(s), with schedules and attachments. Please black out all social security numbers or personal ID numbers on tax forms and other attachments.
- Do **not** include parent information in this form.

Were you required to file taxes in 2021?

## Upload Instructions

You are required to provide the following items:

- Applicant's 2021 tax form(s) including 1040 form, W-2s, schedules and attachments.
- If you did not file 2021 taxes, but did work, please upload your W-2 forms.
- Married applicants only: Combine your tax forms and your spouse's tax forms and upload them as one document. Please include 1040 forms, W-2s, schedules and attachments. If your spouse does not have an income, please upload a letter that states this.
- Tax forms must include both 1040 forms and W-2s. If you do not have one of the forms, you must provide a letter of explanation in its place.

Please combine all forms into one document or PDF; multiple uploads cannot be submitted. Contact [gradscholars@jkcf.org](mailto:gradscholars@jkcf.org) if you are not able to combine your forms into one document. If you are not required to file taxes, please upload a brief explanation.

No file chosen

Please carefully follow the instructions below to complete the form. Do not include any parent financial information in this form.

**Wages/Salaries/Tips: 2021 W-2 Forms or 2021 IRS Form line 1** (only list your own wages/salaries/tips, do not combine with your spouse's, if married)

Wages/Salaries/Tips:

Do you own a business?

Do you own a farm?

**Spouse's Wages/Salaries/Tips: 2021 W-2 Forms or 2021 IRS Form line 1** (only list your spouse's wages/salaries/tips, do not combine with your own, if married)

Spouse's Wages/Salaries/Tips:



Does your spouse own a business?

Does your spouse own a farm?

**Interest income: 2021 IRS Form 1040 line 2b**

Interest income:

**Dividend income: 2021 IRS Form 1040 line 3b**

Dividend income:

**Adjusted Gross Income: 2021 IRS Form 1040 line 11**

If you are married and filed jointly, AGI must be adjusted. To adjust, subtract your wages/salaries and your spouse's wages/salaries from AGI and divide the remaining AGI by two. Then add your wages/salaries back in and list that amount. If your filing status is Single or Married filing separately, simply list the AGI as it appears on tax form.

Adjusted Gross Income:

**Child support received by you:** List yearly amount received, not monthly amount. Do not include child support received by your spouse if the child is not your dependent as well.

Child support received by you (if any):

**Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans: W-2 forms, boxes 12a through 12d, codes A-HH;** include untaxed payments to 401(k) and 403(b) plans.

Payments to tax-deferred pension and savings plans:

**Contributions to pre-tax dependent care accounts: W-2 forms, box 10**

Contributions to pre-tax dependent care accounts:

**Federal income tax paid: 2021 IRS Form 1040 line 16.** Do not copy the amount of "federal income tax withheld" from a W-2 form. If you are married and file taxes jointly, divide the amount by two. If your filing status is Single or Married filing separately, list as is on tax form.

Federal income tax paid:

**Child support paid by you:** List yearly amount paid, not monthly. Do not include child support paid by your spouse if the child is not your dependent as well.

Child support paid by you (if any):

**Credit for child and dependent care expenses claimed on federal income tax return: 2021 IRS Form 2441 line 10 or 11**

Credit for child and dependent care expenses claimed on federal income tax return:

**Nonreimbursed medical expenses claimed on federal income tax return: 2021 IRS Form 1040 Schedule A line 1**

Nonreimbursed medical expenses claimed on federal income tax return:

**Number of dependents attending college in fall 2023: Count each of your dependents who are full-time undergraduate students. (Number of college students claimed should agree with the number listed in the household member section). Do not include yourself in this count.**

Number of dependents attending college in fall 2023:

## Other Information

Have your parents' income or assets increased since you applied for a Cooke Undergraduate Scholarship?



# Graduate Scholarship Recommendation

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Use the "Add Recommender" link below to invite your recommender. Each Graduate Scholarship application requires **one recommendation**. You are able to monitor the status of your recommender here and send reminders by pressing the edit button. If you need to change your recommender for any reason you can press "exclude" and you will be given the option to add an additional recommender. Your application is not considered complete until your recommendation is received.

If you would like to send a reminder or resend the link to your recommender through the application, select "Edit" and then "Send Reminder."

**If you are applying for the Oxford or Cambridge Award you do not need to complete this section.**

Name	Status	
<a href="#">Add Recommender</a>		

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